

**Andrew Jackson to James Wilkinson, March 15, 1813,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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TO JAMES WILKINSON.¹

¹ This is a copy, in the handwriting of Major Hynes.

Camp Jackson, March 15, 1813

Sir , I had the honour of receiving your Letter of the 8. Inst with its enclosure, containing directions for me to deliver over the public property to you, which is in the possession of my Detachment. The order will be complied with, except a small reservation of Tents for the sick and some other indispensable articles. I acknowledge the order was unexpected but I coincide with you in sentiment, that those who are bound, must obey. The circumstance of my long march to this country, and so soon after our arrival, to be ordered back, appears too much like trifling with our patriotic intentions to serve the Government.

I am sensible of your friendly disposition towards my detachment and duly appreciate it. The Express goes to New orleans for Funds for the asst. Depy qr. master, will you be good enough to aid in the procurement of them, and in facilitating his return. My march will be delayed without them. When my troops are discharged at Nashville, it will afford me peculiar satisfaction to forward the recruiting service.

Altho' I am perhaps partial to the men whom I have the honour to command, yet I think they have military worth enough to be distinguished under any other commander. I feel in

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common, with you Sir, a great interest for our beloved country and every measure where I can be of service, shall receive my hearty cooperations.

The Express being in waiting I have only time to tender to you the sentiments of my high consideration.